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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FINNISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION CHAIRMAN

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1. PEKKA OIVIO, CHAIRMAN OF FINNISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (SAK), EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS JUST CONCLUDED TRIP TO US IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE FEBRUARY 27. OIVIO INVITED AMBASSADOR TO VISIT SAK ON MARCH 17 AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF HIS TRIP THEN.

2. OVER PHONE OIVIO SAID HE, AND HIS ASSISTANT KARI TAPIOLA, HAD SEVERAL USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP. OIVIO SPECIALLY MENTIONED ERNIE LEE'S COURTESY IN MEETING HIM ON ARRIVAL IN MIAMI. OIVIO SAID DISCUSSION WITH MEANY WAS BRIEF, DUE TO HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE. IN RESPONSE TO LABATT'S QUESTION OIVIO SAID ICEBREAKER ISSUE WAS TOUCHED ON BRIEFLY, WITH MEANY REPEATING ASSURANCE HE HAD EARLIER GIVEN AMBASSADOR THAT AFL-CIO WOULD NOT MAKE A BIG ROW ABOUT
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A US ORDER OF ICEBREAKERS FROM FINLAND.

3. OIVIO ALSO APPRECIATIVE OF WASHINGTON PROGRAM
AND EXTENDED THANKS TO DESK OFFICER CANNEY, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE, AND OTHERS HE HAD MET BOTH
AT STATE AND LABOR DEPARTMENTS.

4. OIVIO SAID THAT SAK INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
TAPIOLA HAD REMAINED IN NEW YORK TO BEGIN HIS NEW
DUTIES WITH COMMITTEE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
TAPIOLA'S SUCCESSOR HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BUT OIVIO
EXPECTS IT WILL BE ILKKA ERICH, A 30 YEAR OLD LAWYER
WHO IS NOW CHIEF SECRETARY OF OIVIO'S OLD UNION --
THE RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS. IF ERICH IS
CONFIRMED HE WOULD BEGIN HIS NEW FUNCTIONS OFFICIALLY
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